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ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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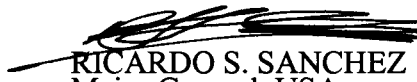
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: General Order--No Possession Of Privately Owned Weapons, Including Knives, During Deployment to Southwest Asia

1. Purpose. This order prohibits the use or possession of privately owned weapons including firearms, knives or straight edge razors by 1st Armored Division soldiers and civilians while deploying and deployed to Southwest Asia.
2. Applicability. This order is applicable to all deploying and deployed military and civilian personnel organic, assigned or attached to 1st Armored Division. The prohibition begins at the formation at home station in Central Region Europe immediately prior to movement to an SPOE/APOE. It ends upon release from the first formation following arrival back at the home station in Central Region Europe.
3. Privately-Owned Weapons. The prohibition applies to all privately owned or possessed weapons, to include firearms, knives, or straightedge razors. It does not apply to government issued instruments such as bayonets, surgical instruments, food preparation tools, eating utensils, or other government issued tools specifically intended for the accomplishment of a military mission. If the item is issued for a limited purpose, such as cutting of food, it shall be returned to the issuing party immediately upon the completion of the task for which it was issued.
4. Definitions. For purposes of this prohibition, "knife or knives" refer to all tools intended to be used as cutting instruments that have a pointed blade and/or sharp edge or blade of 3 inches or longer as measured from the hilt to the tip of the blade. "Possession" means direct physical custody over the device (such as holding it in one's hand, pocket, briefcase, etc.) or exercise of control over the device (such as by placing it in one's rucksack, A-Bag, B-Bag, or in other deploying property or by secreting it at a nearby location). Leaving such a device at home station with other personal effects is not "possession" for the purposes of this prohibition.
5. Exceptions. Waivers to this policy will be issued only by the express written approval of the first Colonel or higher in the chain of command.
6. Punitive Order. This order is punitive. Persons subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) who violate this order may be punished under Article 92, UCMJ, for violating a lawful general order. Civilian personnel who violate this order may be subjected to adverse personnel actions.
7. Prohibition. This order strictly prohibits the use or possession of any privately owned weapons including firearms, knives or straight edge razors by 1st Armored Division soldiers and civilians while deploying and deployed to Southwest Asia.
8. Duration. This order is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded, superseded, or modified.


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